

PRESIDENT MCKINLEY

A Guest of the G. A. R. Veterans.

THE OLD SOLDIER TALKS

A Stirring and Unaffected Address. Full of Patriotism and Free From Bitterness.

BUFFALO, August 24.—From dawn to darkness and from twilight to midnight, the great gathering of the Grand Army of the Republic waxed greater and grander. The weather has been all that could be wished for. The Grand Army has turned out in greater numbers than before at a national encampment and this is true also of the ex-prisoners of war association and the naval veterans and the women's auxiliary bodies. Just as the songs of victory floated up from the triumphs of St. Bernard and as they marched to the sea, so from the old soldiers gathered in Buffalo swells up a mighty mingling of thankfulness, of happiness and of joy. From early morning until late at night Main street was crowded. Scores of them brought bands and few, indeed, had no music. The features of the day were the arrival of President McKinley, accompanied by Secretary Alger and other Black of New York, the banquet to the President this evening and the parade of the naval veterans and ex-prisoners of war this morning. During the day there were more than thirty corps, brigades, regiments and company reunions.

The naval veterans, ex-prisoners of war, ladies of the G. A. R. and the association of nurses held their conventions and there were many reunions given by the various corps. A trip on the lake, participated in by 2000 ladies, was one of the pleasures of the many entertainments. This evening there were a number of dances for the ladies and receptions and banquets for the men. From the moment that the special train that bore the president and his retinue to the city arrived until he retired tonight, there was no moment of repose. The president's train, from the depot to the Niagara hotel, a distance of two miles, the streets were lined with people and at the hotel in front of which there is a great square of white and red, the president was met by hundreds of people. In response to the continued cheering of the crowd, the president said a few words from the balcony of the hotel.

At a banquet following the President was the guest of honor of Columbia post of Chicago with 500 other distinguished guests and soldiers. Among those at the table were Commander O. H. McDaniel of Columbia post, treasurer of the association; President McKinley, Commander-in-Chief Clarkson, Archbishop Ireland, Mayor Jewett, General Russell A. Alger, Governor Frank S. Black, William S. Blount, S. P. Rogers of Appleton and former Commander-in-Chief Lawler. The toastmaster introduced Governor Frank S. Black, who extended a welcome to President McKinley. At 6 o'clock Secretary Alger, who had just arrived in the city, came into the banquet hall and was warmly greeted by the President.

When President McKinley rose to speak for fully five minutes he gave a speech that was full of patriotism and side with the cause of the Republic. The President said, very slowly and calmly:

MR. TOSTMASTER AND COMRADES: "I wish I might frame fitting words to make response to the more than gracious welcome which you have accorded me here tonight. I come with no form of speech. I come with no studied phrases to present to you, but I come in the spirit of comradeship (applause) to talk to you, as we have often talked in the past, around the campfire in the past, as we have talked in peace. To me, I say by the program, has been assigned the toast, 'The Country and Its Defenders.'"

"My fellow citizens, blessed is the country whose defenders are patriots and whose citizens are soldiers fighting for it and are willing to give the best they have, the best that any man has, their own lives, to preserve it, because they love it. (Applause.) Such an army the United States has and the commander in every crisis of her history. From the war of the revolution to the late civil war, the men followed that flag and believed in what it stood for. That is the reason why the volunteer army of '01 was made. (Applause.)"

"Every one of them not only fought, but they thought, and many of them their own thinking (laughter and applause), and did not always agree with their commander. (Laughter and applause.) That young soldier, who in the late war, upon the battle line, shed his stripes, not in front of the line, but the enemy still in front of him, when the general called out to the color bearer, 'Bring those colors back to the line,' and quicker than any bullet that ever flew to the colors. (Prolonged applause.) It was the voice of command; there was a man behind it, there was patriotism in his heart."

"No other branch of public property is so sacred and so well. The country of the receipts of this size, the ease with which they are obtained, and their cash character render them the most useful of all the money turned into the public treasury. The country of the receipts of this size, the ease with which they are obtained, and their cash character render them the most useful of all the money turned into the public treasury. The country of the receipts of this size, the ease with which they are obtained, and their cash character render them the most useful of all the money turned into the public treasury."

"What defenders, my countrymen, have we now? We have the remnants of this old, magnificent, matchless army of which I have been speaking, and then as allies of any future war we have the brave men who fought against us in northern battles. (Great applause.) The army of Grant and the army of Lee are together. They are now in faith, in hope, in fraternity, in purpose and in an inviolable patriotism, (applause), and therefore the country is in no danger. (Applause.)"

"My fellow countrymen, I thank you and bid you good night." (Prolonged applause.)

Commander-in-Chief Clarkson responded to the toast "The Grand Army."

Secretary of War Alger spoke to the toast "The Army of the United States."

Henry Estabrook spoke to the toast "The General."

ON THE DOWN GRADE

The Price of Wheat Shows a Decline

BUT ANOTHER RISE IS IMMINENT

Enormous Sales Reported in New York—Prices of California Fruit.

CHICAGO, August 24.—Wheat on the curb before the regular opening started with some show of strength and with no signs of the excitement which ruled lately on the board. Opening and second cables from Liverpool were rather encouraging to the bulls, 1.30 p.m. advice from that market, which were received before the opening, showing only a 1 to 1 1/4 decline. On this account curb prices were about 1/8 cent higher than yesterday's close. On the regular session prices were very irregular at the start and it soon became clear that numbers of people still had long wheat which they were then convinced ought to have been sold the day before. September was bringing from 9 1/8 to 9 5/8; December from 9 1/8 to 9 5/8; and yesterday's closing prices being 9 1/8 to 9 5/8 respectively.

The relative positions of the two leading options were quickly reversed, for in a few minutes September was bringing 9 1/8, when December was still dragging at 9 1/8. The strength of September was due to the fact that there were very few who were desirous of trading in it, and it was easy to advance it by bidding for what no one wanted to sell, but he had to sell at all costs. The market began to move at first, but as the liquidation grew heavier, the bottom seemed to fall out and not till September touched 9 1/8 and December 9 1/8, was there a stop in the mad race.

The fall was only temporary, however. Selling soon became general again and stop loss orders were reached. The price did not reach the bottom at all, but it was a relief. The market was down to 9 1/8, December to 9 1/8. The trade by that time had become very narrow and the traders, tired with their previous efforts, were not disposed to buy or sell, except when tempted by an exceptional offer or a particularly high bid. Increasing weakness, as the session advanced, caused a further break at Liverpool, making the day's decline 4 1/4 to 4 1/2 per cent, and an equivalent advance at Paris, although private advice from the latter place received earlier had claimed an advance. The Paris decline was 1 franc for August and 60 centimes for November, February, or 5 1/2 cents per bushel for the rest of the year. The market for the rest of the year was not lower, but was not so radically weak as others.

The Chicago receipts were 354 cars, only 27 of them contracted and 30,000 bushels were imported out of the Port. All wheat sold at 9 1/8 to 9 5/8. The Atlantic port clearances were equal in wheat and flour to 452,000 bushels. Before the close September had sold at 9 1/8 and December 9 1/8. Closing prices were September 9 1/8 and December 9 1/8.

The beginning of the end in the corn deal was apparently well on its way to the end. Unloading was started at the opening. Everyone who had long corn expected a decline in price. The market was down to 23 1/2, and the closing price was 23 1/2. The closing price was 23 1/2. The closing price was 23 1/2.

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THE DAYS OF '49.

They Are Being Revived at Skagway.

MINERS HAVE LOTS OF FUN

A Vigilance Committee Established. Breezy Incidents on the Way to the Mines.

SEATTLE, Wash., August 25.—The steamer Williamette of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, which left Seattle August 9th with 50 men bound for the Klondike, arrived back this morning at 10 o'clock.

The Williamette took up the largest number of passengers ever taken to Alaska, but brought back only seven. Of thirty-six sailors who went up only six returned, the others either deserting or quitting at Skagway. News is received by the Williamette of the suicide of an unknown man on the Dyea trail. There are conflicting stories as to the condition of the Skagway trail.

The first day or two on the trip, there was much confusion and annoyance at meal time, and especially the salmon at 12 o'clock. The tables would only accommodate about sixty-five and consequently every plate had to be set out ten times, as fast as a man would get up another plate. The men were drunk and throwing up. The steward was forced to stand at once and endeavor to arrange with the stewardess to plan to avoid confusion.

The stewardess plan was for the committee to select enough men to stand at the tables. But everyone wanted to fill the first table, so that plan failed. The story of putting eight men in chains is denied by the officers, but they admit that one man who was drunk and threatening was handcuffed and tied to the bridge. They say that he was put off at Seattle before starting. However, there is reason to believe that the committee caught three men in the act of deserting and put them off at Junction on the way up.

On the outside of the dance house is a tree, upon which several significant notices are posted, and from a limb of which hangs a new one-inch rope with a hook. This rope is the vigilance committee, and it is more effective than a hundred volumes of statutes against crime.

There are many restaurants at Skagway, but the law is very strict. The passengers and crew of the Williamette were fed fresh beef every day on their trip up, and at Skagway about thirty men were taken to the jail to keep on guard. They took the places of the men who had quit, and they heard that the fare aboard the Williamette was fresh beef. A change that the steward ordered a change of line on the boat to keep on guard. This was a change for the crew, but it was decidedly detrimental to the new men, who had been living on those succulent dishes for several weeks. They thought that they had been deluded by the steward, and they were very angry. Finding sympathy in talking over trouble, one bold fellow after dinner, when the crew had just eaten and before they had resumed work, mounted the hurricane deck of the Williamette and drew out his revolver and flourishing it in the air, announced that the most meal would contain a liberal supply of fresh meat for the rest of the trip.

According to some accounts the terrors of Skagway trail seem to have been only half related. Thomas Stanton, who came on the boat, was surrounded by a throng of eager listeners as soon as he touched the wharf. He says one of his friends had stopped at Skagway and was packing. An acquaintance in the crowd asked what the man left up north was doing. "Oh, playing horse," replied the disappointed passenger and then he went on: "The Skagway trail is the most terrible place you ever saw. It is a trail of blood and tears. I saw one man who was killed by a bear. I saw one man who was killed by a bear. I saw one man who was killed by a bear."

Purser H. W. Skinner of the Williamette, says that only one-third of the miners now at Skagway and Dyea will get over the passes, but that if they do not it will not be because the two passes are not in condition for travel. Men of skill, who are accustomed to mountain climbing, have not made a failure of sending horses over the divide.

A DEADLY CONCOCTION.

How a Sitka Saloon Man Makes Good Indians.

THEY ARE BEING REVIVED AT SKAGWAY.

MINERS HAVE LOTS OF FUN

SEATTLE, August 25.—News comes from Sitka by the steam collier Williamette of a horrible case of poisoning. McGee, a saloonkeeper at Sitka, sold several bottles of liquor to ten Indians, and they became violently sick. Just how many of them were dead when the steamer left, the passengers did not know. McGee was released on \$1000 bail.

The fatal concoction was a mixture of whisky, coal oil, lemon juice and alcohol. It is claimed that it was mixed to be sold as whisky, but some claim that McGee did it in for two Indians for giving on him the day before and gave him the deadly dose to get them out of the way.

President Borda Killed. The Spanish Tragedy Echoed in Uruguay. The national feast here today. President J. I. Borda was shot and killed by an assassin. The assassin was arrested and is being held in prison. The national feast here today. President J. I. Borda was shot and killed by an assassin. The assassin was arrested and is being held in prison.

England's Troubles in India. Bombay, August 25.—The latest dispatches received from the Afghan frontier state that the Afghan army is getting worse. It is evident that the Indian government must face a grave crisis involving heavy expenditures and probably great loss of life. Khyber pass has fallen into the hands of the Afghans. The British army is being pushed back. The British army is being pushed back.

Slapped "PAPA'S" FACE. Attorney Delmas Pursued by His Nemesis. The Baroness von Turkheim Assaults Him on a Street Car. No Charge Preferred.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 25.—Attorney D. M. Delmas is still pursued by his nemesis, the so-called Baroness von Turkheim, nee Young. The woman created a sensation on City Hall avenue late this afternoon by slapping the distinguished attorney's face just after the adjournment of the Angus-Craven trial, in which he is chief counsel for the defense.

During the day the Baroness visited the court room for the first time since her return to this city, accompanied by her little boy who wearily tried to attract the attention of Mr. Delmas by loudly addressing him as "papa." They remained in the room half an hour and then quietly departed. When court adjourned Delmas lingered in the hall a few moments and then took a McAllister street car. An able woman, who was the woman was on the same car. She spoke to him but received no reply.

Delmas rose and attempted to alight from the car. The Baroness dashed at him and slapped him on the face. Delmas refused to prefer a charge against her. The Baroness afterwards called on Chief Justice and took her departure as quietly as though nothing had occurred.

GOLD DUST BY THE TON

Heavy Shipments From the Klondike.

THE BEST CLAIMS ALL TAKEN

New Corners Working Their Way to the Abandoned Places at Circle City.

SEATTLE, Wash., August 25.—The schooner Fred E. Sanders arrived at Port Townsend, twenty-two days from St. Michaels, this afternoon, bound for Seattle. Among her passengers were Joseph Love, mayor of Circle City, Harry Ash, well known among sporting men on the Pacific Coast, and John S. Dinmore. All of them came to this city by steamer.

Dinmore said: "There have been no big clean-ups since the last of June and the first of July. They have had very little rain, and this has prevented work being pushed. I estimate that the Portland will not bring down more than \$100,000, or possibly \$500,000. There is plenty of work for all those who get on the ground this fall at \$15 a day, because holders of rich claims are desirous of getting out gold as fast as possible."

Ash intends to winter here. He advises all people to stay out this winter unless they already have mines. He has interests in eight properties, and says that the Bonanza district is one of the richest. The Donkey Creek and Victoria Gulch districts are also nearly or quite as rich as the Eldorado and Bonanza. Ash predicts that at least \$50,000,000 will come out in the spring at the first clean-up.

The Yukoners are of the opinion that the value of the gold coming from the Portland will be \$750,000. They explain that while the product of the Yukon has been large, a great deal of the dust has been reinvested and is held for development work on the property. There has been lively speculation among the miners, many of whom have not started to estimate the value of their holdings. Ash has six claims, and, like his associates in the Klondike, has reinvested all his gold except enough to live on comfortably during the year.

Following is a list of the Sanders' passengers direct from Dawson City, together with the amounts they brought: James McNamee, Juneau, \$10,000; C. Vest, Portland, \$800; Joe Lowe, Juneau, \$15,000; Harry Ash, \$10,000; J. S. Dinmore, Seattle, \$5,000.

At Junction a boat is arriving almost every day from the sound bringing from 150 to 1000 passengers each. The moment a vessel is seen down near Teku river is passed around and a large crowd of people is gathered on the banks. The attention of the inhabitants flock to the wharves to greet the new arrivals. The island arrived from Victoria with nearly 200 passengers August 19th, and the Utopia from Seattle the same day with a like number.

The United States steamer Concord is at present lying in port, having taken Governor Brady to various places in southeastern Alaska, bringing him back here and will continue on to Seattle. The governor is thoroughly investigating many important matters relating to the welfare of Alaska.

New claims are being made on making "reeds," the same of their operations at present being at Dyea. There a schooner was captured loaded with some \$500,000 of Canadian whisky, which was confiscated. A lot of contraband was also seized on the Pacific Coast. The schooner company's boat Williamette. As the country around Dawson is taken up to such great distances in each direction, it is more than likely that many who are now on the road will proceed on to Circle City and other places and relocate abandoned claims that have been given up for other diggings.

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Keyed makes the food pure, wholesome and delicious.

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ENTRANCE TO THE TOMB

**President McKinley Halted
by a Sentry.**

THE LATTER IS COMMENDED

A Novel Incident at the G. A. R. Encampment—Goblin of Pennsylvania Elected Commander.

BEFORD, August 26.—The President

The incident proved one of mortification to the members of the local committee.

To the President at first it was a trifle annoying, but a few minutes after the episode he was having a hearty laugh over it and excusing the officer who refused him entrance, by saying that the man was perfectly right to obey orders no matter who demanded admittance.

Later the President visited Cayuga island, the site of the pan American exposition, and with a mallet on which his name was inscribed, drove a stake in the grass plot in the center of the island. Returning from the island the President lunched with Frank Bixler

Cincinnati's triumph in securing the national encampment for 1898 and Pennsylvania's victory in winning the commander-in-chief of the Grand Army was the crowning achievement of the movement.

The city committee of Cincinnati was admitted and Mr. Ingalls, president of the Big Four railroad, presented the claims and attractions of the city.

The report of the committee on instruction followed this address. It criticized the books on history read in the schools in the South as inaccurate and

Nominations for commander-in-chief were then declared in order and Iena F. Mack of Sandusky, Ohio, J. P. S. Gobin of Lebanon, Pa., Geo. H. Innes of Boston and John G. Lirchan of New Hampshire were presented. Later Mr. Innes withdrew. Gobin was elected on the second ballot.

The report of Chairman Annie Whittemyer of the board of directors of the National Women's Relief Corps shows that the institution is in its usual prosperous condition. The most hearty cooperation has been the rule and the most perfect harmony characterized all the business and correspondence of the members of the board, each doing her

members of the board, each doing his part earnestly and with ability. The increase in the number of applications for admission to the house has been unprecedented. Twenty have been admitted, eighteen are pending and twenty-two have been deferred.

A Break for Liberty.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 28.—James Rodgers, the head of the gang who flooded the Pacific Coast with bogus pieces and now under indictment for counterfeiting, made a break for liberty today, but was captured before he had gone a dozen paces and a few minutes later pleaded guilty. He was in char-

of Deputy Marshal Monekton, who was taking him to Judge De Haven's court room in the appraisers' building. As they were about to enter the elevator, Rodgers darted down the corridor but was soon overtaken.

county recorder has reported the release of over \$60,000 in chattel and real estate mortgages since August 1st, and half the crop has not been threshed. It is predicted that by the new year the county will be in better shape than ever before and will look back on the large acreage of wheat in the history of the

Moonshiners in Mendocino.
UKIAH, August 26.—An illicit still has been discovered at Ellen Valley near the site recently vacated by the late Slavonian colony. The still was concealed in a tunnel running into a mountain and was in complete work-

Fruit and Grain Markets.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 26.—The following are prices furnished by the San Francisco Fruit Exchange. Jobbing.

DRIED FRUIT.

New crop—Apricots, earloads, f

6½¢ for Royal; 7@8½¢ for Moorpark
prunes, carloads, 3@6¢; Black Fig
jobbing, 3@8½¢; Raisins, 2½¢ for
crown, 3½¢ for 3-crown, 3½¢ for
crown and \$1 for London layers.
Peaches, 5½@6½¢; Nectarines, 5½¢.
Old crop—Jobbing prices: Apples
evaporated, 5½¢@6¢; sun-dried, 3¢@4¢.
Peaches, 4@6½¢; needed in boxes 104

Pears, fancy, 5@6c; choice, 3½c; standard, 2½c; prime, 2c; Plums, pitted, 4@5c; unpitted, 1@1½c; Prunes, fancy sizes, 2½@2¾c; Nectarines, 1@5c. Figs, choice white 3c, or black 4c.

Raisins—Johbning prices: In sacks 50-lb boxes—Four-crown, loose, 4c@ per pound; 3-crown, 3½c@10; 2-crown 2½@3½c; seedless, Sultana, 5c@5½c.

seedless Muscatels, 4c@4 1/2c.
20-lb boxes, 3-crown Lond.
layers, \$1@1.15; clusters, \$1.15@1.2.
Dehesa clusters, \$1.75@2.00; Imperi
clusters, \$2.00@2.25.

GREEN FRUITS.

Apples—Per small box, 20c@30c;
large box, 40c@60c; Crab apples, 15c

35c per box.
 Apricots—Royal, 20c@40c.
 Peaches—Per small box, 25c@60c.
 Pears—Choice per box, 40c@50c.
 Plums—Cherry, per box, 20c@40c.
 Nectarines—Red per box, 50c@65
 white, 25@30c.
 Grapes—Fountainbleau, 20@35c p
 box; seedless, 40@50c per box; Musca

Watermelons—\$5@15 per hundred.
Cantaloupes—35c@50c per crate.
Nutmegs—20@30c per box.

GRAIN.
Wheat—English, December, \$1.5

Barley—Steady; December, 95c.
Corn—Large yellow, \$1.07½@ \$1.10.
Bran—California, \$14@ \$15 per ton.
CALIFORNIA DRIED FRUIT.
NEW YORK, August 26.—California
dried fruit quiet.
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Prunes— $3\frac{1}{2}$ c@ $7\frac{1}{2}$ c per pound, as size and quality.
A prunes—Royal, $7c$ @ $7\frac{1}{2}$ c; Moorpark, $5c$ @ $6c$.
Peaches—Unpeeled, $6c$ @ $8c$; peeled, $11c$ @ $14c$.

MURDEROUS ASSAULT

Glenn Cole Shot at by Mills.

NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH

A Murderous Fool Makes a Victim

Attack on a Young Boy.

From Wednesday's Daily.

Glenn Cole, the well known rancher of Clovis, applied to Justice St. John yesterday for a warrant for the arrest of "John Doe" Mills for an assault with the intent to commit murder.

Mills it seems had been employed by Cole on one of his threatening outcrops. Glenn Cole, who is a little 14 years old, had been sent on a horseback from one camp to another on an errand last Sunday and, as he galloped past the wagon on which Mills was riding on the road, Mills, who was somewhat intoxicated, ordered him to stop. Glenn paid no attention to the demand and Mills pulled a pistol and fired at him twice, luckily missing him. Young Cole rode on to the point where the wagon drove up and Mills jumped out and tried to shoot the boy. bystanders interfered just in the nick of time when Mills had his pistol within a few inches of the boy's head and thus saved his life. Mills then struck out for his home in Modesto and has not been seen since.

Clovis Cole was away from home at the time of the assault, but upon his return he claims to know the man who fired the shot and has gone to Modesto county to bring him back.

It is said that Mills has a bad record, having recently fled to Modesto, having been let out by reason of that infamous practice of floating criminals from one locality to another instead of trying and punishing them for their crimes.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC CROSSINGS

Position of the Farmers' Club Plainly Stated.

KOTTON REPUBLICAN:—I noticed in the

Expositor a review of an editorial criticizing the Southern Pacific Railroad Company for not respecting the crossings of its lines in this city. The attack was

renewed in its tonight, and in it the position of the Farmers' Club is involved. It is only necessary to state that the

Farmers' Club does not undertake to dictate to or dominate anybody. It simply suggests to the public what it believes to be for the public good, investigates alleged abuses and undertakes to suggest needed amendments and remedies which so far have met with general endorsement.

At the meeting of its executive committee held on Monday, August 14th, instant, a committee, consisting of Alexander Gordon, Al. Kutzer and Charles G. Bonner, was appointed to confer with the local authorities of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company with regard to the wretched condition of certain railroad crossings in Fresno, and the damage and disavantages arising therefrom to farmers hauling in dried fruit and raisins to the packing houses.

That committee has reported to the club, and afterward to the public, that the committee, held August 21st, that it had conferred with Mr. Booth, the local manager, and that they had been assured by him that the matter could be remedied by the railroad within a few days, all of which, I believe, you printed in your edition last Sunday.

There is no reason to doubt the bona fides of this matter, and I can see good reason why it may be remedied by an attack upon Mr. Booth's management until there shall have been evidence of bad faith warranting it. It is the policy of the Farmers' Club to ask for what it may seem to be a fair remedy in a courteous way, and, if they may not be thus secured, it may be depended upon to fight for them afterward. But in all nations of this sort it is better to first "take things into their own hands" than to wait until the railroad, as well as others, come to things to which it deems the public justly entitled, but it is better to be a gentlemanly conference. Mr. Booth seems to be a fair man, and I think the club has a right to expect a fair treatment—the same as any other actuary of a public corporation—and I do not think the Expositor has recorded him in its editorial attacks. Yours respectfully,

FARMERS' CLUBMAN.

Fresno, August 24, 1897.

TO COMPLETE THE CHURCH.

The South Methodist Petition to Mortgage Property.

The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, yesterday filed a petition in the superior court to be allowed to mortgage lots 10, 11, 12, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 23, 20 and 32 in block 35 of Fresno city; also lots 23 and 24 in block 26 in Belmont addition, in order that it may raise money with which to complete the new house of worship at the corner of L and Fresno streets.

The property above described was donated to the church by different persons, but at present the real estate cannot be disposed of at a satisfactory figure.

Arrangements have been made to mortgage the property for \$1700, and with this amount the church can be prepared for occupancy. Judge Webb will hear the petition. Strider & Strider are the attorneys for the church.

WRONG KIND OF OIL.

Gasoline in a Lamp Almost Causes a Fire.

A fire was narrowly averted last evening at the temple house conducted by Mrs. Cree at the corner of Merced and K streets. A lamp which had been filled with gasoline instead of coal oil by mistake was the cause. When a match was applied to the wick a sheet of flame blazed up to the ceiling, the gasoline having become ignited, and but for the presence of a man who threw the blazing lamp out of the house would have caused a fire.

It appears that Mrs. Cree keeps two oil cans, one for gasoline and the other for kerosene. Yesterday she ordered some coal oil and by mistake the man who delivered it placed it in the gasoline can. The result was that the lamp was filled with gasoline.

A tangle peddler had filled his lantern with the wrong kind of oil, and when he lighted it it blazed up and burned the canvas cover of his wagon.

Keno Game Reopened.

The keno game was reopened at the Louvre saloon last night. There were only a few players during the evening.

Finest Peaches Yet.

W. A. Cowan, who resides on lot No. 64 in Fresno colony, is the owner of a half acre of Modesto's orange grove, 100 trees, three years old, which has just been picked about four tons of peaches which the samples by him for sale on the streets yesterday, are the finest in this market.

THE DEBS MOVEMENT.

A Correspondent Favors the Plan Recently Inaugurated.

EDITOR REPUBLICAN:—There is a movement on foot to organize lodges in this neighborhood destined to give material aid to Eugene Debs' scheme of colonizing the unemployed in a western state, with the ultimate view of inaugurating in it a co-operative system of wealth, and it is for the purpose of making this movement more generally known to the public that I now submit the condition of the situation.

Your readers are undoubtedly aware that a convention composed of delegates from the R.U.D., met recently in Chicago with the view of giving that association a more socialistic character and deliberating on the best mode of executing practical socialistic reforms of the present.

The result of these deliberations was the formation of the Social Democracy of America, and the resolution of carrying out the grand scheme of Mr. Debs' plan to attract the unemployed to the west.

It is not my purpose to enlarge now the principles of Socialism, having avowed in your columns my conviction of their correctness on a former occasion, but to state in plain language that this movement is not a new thing, but a continuation of the old one.

Believing, as I do, that Socialism is in its highest phase in the west, my only solution of our present deplorable social conditions, I believe, is to attract the unemployed to the west, and to make them a part of the co-operative system of wealth.

It is this plan that I have suggested, and I believe it is the only one that will save the people of this state from the over-growing flood of greed and selfishness. True, the grand old party platform triumphantly to the principles of property and the doctrine of the few scattered rapists is a returning property.

I do not wish to discuss the merits of protection any more now than those of socialism, but cannot refrain from pointing out the fact that the plan of the Social Democracy is not a new thing, but a continuation of the old one.

It is only necessary to state that the Farmers' Club does not undertake to dictate to or dominate anybody. It simply suggests to the public what it believes to be for the public good, investigates alleged abuses and undertakes to suggest needed amendments and remedies which so far have met with general endorsement.

At the meeting of its executive committee held on Monday, August 14th, instant, a committee, consisting of Alexander Gordon, Al. Kutzer and Charles G. Bonner, was appointed to confer with the local authorities of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company with regard to the wretched condition of certain railroad crossings in Fresno, and the damage and disavantages arising therefrom to farmers hauling in dried fruit and raisins to the packing houses.

That committee has reported to the club, and afterward to the public, that the committee, held August 21st, that it had conferred with Mr. Booth, the local manager, and that they had been assured by him that the matter could be remedied by the railroad within a few days, all of which, I believe, you printed in your edition last Sunday.

There is no reason to doubt the bona fides of this matter, and I can see good reason why it may be remedied by an attack upon Mr. Booth's management until there shall have been evidence of bad faith warranting it. It is the policy of the Farmers' Club to ask for what it may seem to be a fair remedy in a courteous way, and, if they may not be thus secured, it may be depended upon to fight for them afterward. But in all nations of this sort it is better to first "take things into their own hands" than to wait until the railroad, as well as others, come to things to which it deems the public justly entitled, but it is better to be a gentlemanly conference. Mr. Booth seems to be a fair man, and I think the club has a right to expect a fair treatment—the same as any other actuary of a public corporation—and I do not think the Expositor has recorded him in its editorial attacks. Yours respectfully,

FARMERS' CLUBMAN.

Fresno, August 24, 1897.

TO COMPLETE THE CHURCH.

The South Methodist Petition to Mortgage Property.

The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, yesterday filed a petition in the superior court to be allowed to mortgage lots 10, 11, 12, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 23, 20 and 32 in block 35 of Fresno city; also lots 23 and 24 in block 26 in Belmont addition, in order that it may raise money with which to complete the new house of worship at the corner of L and Fresno streets.

The property above described was donated to the church by different persons, but at present the real estate cannot be disposed of at a satisfactory figure.

Arrangements have been made to mortgage the property for \$1700, and with this amount the church can be prepared for occupancy. Judge Webb will hear the petition. Strider & Strider are the attorneys for the church.

WRONG KIND OF OIL.

Gasoline in a Lamp Almost Causes a Fire.

A fire was narrowly averted last evening at the temple house conducted by Mrs. Cree at the corner of Merced and K streets. A lamp which had been filled with gasoline instead of coal oil by mistake was the cause. When a match was applied to the wick a sheet of flame blazed up to the ceiling, the gasoline having become ignited, and but for the presence of a man who threw the blazing lamp out of the house would have caused a fire.

It appears that Mrs. Cree keeps two oil cans, one for gasoline and the other for kerosene. Yesterday she ordered some coal oil and by mistake the man who delivered it placed it in the gasoline can. The result was that the lamp was filled with gasoline.

A tangle peddler had filled his lantern with the wrong kind of oil, and when he lighted it it blazed up and burned the canvas cover of his wagon.

Keno Game Reopened.

The keno game was reopened at the Louvre saloon last night. There were only a few players during the evening.

Finest Peaches Yet.

W. A. Cowan, who resides on lot No. 64 in Fresno colony, is the owner of a half acre of Modesto's orange grove, 100 trees, three years old, which has just been picked about four tons of peaches which the samples by him for sale on the streets yesterday, are the finest in this market.

A GOOD SUGGESTION

Clear the Sides of Kearney Avenue.

A Good Place to Employ the Surplus Energy of the Chain Gang.

From Wednesday's Daily.

The report is made to this office that the palisades and other ornamental shrubbery on Kearney avenue are in imminent danger of destruction from fire, and that, in fact, a portion of it has already been badly damaged thereby.

This avenue was laid out and adorned at considerable expense and has had special attention and privilege, one way and another. It seems that, by some recent decision or arrangement, this avenue has been cleared as a county road and while the county has not been particularly desirous as to the road itself, it seems that nothing has been done to keep the ornamental shrubbery in proper order, or to remove the accumulation of weeds, dead branches and palm leaves, and, therefore, the whole line of ornamental plants is in danger of destruction.

This avenue is one of the finest drives and show boulevards in the county, and some prompt action should be taken to preserve it in its present and ever increasing beauty. It has been suggested that here is a proper field for the energy of the chain gang, and that a few days devoted to clearing the sides of this avenue would be a far more profitable employment of the changing than any other work that could be done.

Should be called to the attention of the Board of Supervisors and they urged to act.

THE TELEPHONE SYSTEM

MANY NEW LINES BUILT INTO THE COUNTRY.

The Sunset Telephone Company is improving and extending its service in Fresno and vicinity, and it is evident that it has great faith in the future of building of the country. It is investing considerable money in constructing new lines into the country at present, and as soon as the contracts on hand are finished this city will be placed in connection with all the principal vineyards in the surrounding country.

The following are the country subscribers to whose places new telephone lines are being built: East of Fresno: W. D. Foote, M. K. Rogers, at the Marguerite vineyard; M. S. Estabrook, at the Minnerwa; Adams winery, Fred Dowd, Mrs. E. A. Elliott, Alex. Gordon, Cosmopolitan Laundry, C. G. Anderson, George P. Beveridge, Chris. Jorgensen, Kohler & Frothing's winery, Colusa winery, J. A. Richter, Charles Mattel, B. E. Hutchinson, Mattel winery, W. E. Marden, La Rue Brothers, C. M. Barnett, B. Danish, creamery, H. E. Burleigh, Lucius Baker, L. B. Church, C. D. Smith, A. M. Munger, La Pasencia vineyard, W. E. Forey, manager, F. M. Koenig, Colonel T. J. Hay, W. J. Brown, George T. Talmann, John S. Dore and R. W. Wing.

The company has instituted very reasonable rates for these subscribers, charging only \$2.50 a month rental. The company constructs the lines at its own expense. It will not be many years till the people of the colonies will be enjoying the use of telephones the same as city folk.

A Republican reporter yesterday visited the central office of the company, and there he saw a busy scene. Three ladies were at work at the switch board. When it is considered that there are now 45 subscribers in the city and vicinity, besides the lines to other towns, one would think a little delay in getting a connection is not a matter of a minute or so. At times receiving an answer to a call. At times several persons are calling on the central office at once, and to see the ladies who are in sufficient to touch the activity of the busy men who refuse to wait to be connected, and induce him to be a little more patient.

The company makes the office as agreeable as possible for the employees, having electric fans running to keep the room cool.

The energetic manager in this city, J. P. Noble, stated that a new switch board will soon be put in. It will be much improved over the present one, which is a switch board of the old type. The new board will be larger so that more operators can work at it, and the service will therefore be more prompt. The new board will require the employment of ten operators, and the work part of the day six operators will work at a time.

FRESNO ALL RIGHT.

Never Lost Faith in the Future of Fresno.

Several years ago D. O. Bane, familiarly known as "Dad Chap" Bane, because he always "came back" to this locality when business got dull elsewhere, arrived in Fresno yesterday to look after his extensive interests in this vicinity and Sanger. Mr. Bane states that Fresno is all right and to the front and that, in his opinion, there is no better field than Fresno for investment for investors to hold on to their property as "investment property." While other localities have, during the hard times, been running behind, or by dint of hard work, barely held their own, Fresno has not only held its own, but has been paying some income. He deems it safe to say that Fresno is all right and to the front and that, in his opinion, there is no better field than Fresno for investment for investors to hold on to their property as "investment property." 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